

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An undergarment, comprising:
a support layer;
a transparent layer that substantially overlies said support layer; and
an intermediate layer for adhering or fusing said transparent layer and said support layer, said intermediate layer having elastic properties to permit stretching of said intermediate layer with said support layer and said transparent layer,
wherein said support layer or said intermediate layer has a design or pattern thereon that is visible through said transparent layer.
2. (Original) The undergarment of claim 1, wherein the undergarment is a brassiere.
3. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 2, wherein said support layer is a transparent material.
4. (Original) The undergarment of claim 3, wherein said transparent material has sheer characteristics.

5. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 4, wherein said support layer is a support material having elastic characteristics.

6. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 2, wherein said support layer is a support material.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 1, wherein said support layer is shaped to only extend under and along a lower and side breast profile of a wearer's breasts when the undergarment is worn.

9. (currently amended) An undergarment, comprising:

a seamless support layer;

a seamless transparent layer that substantially overlies said seamless support layer; and

an adhesive or fusing layer,

wherein said adhesive or fusing layer securely adheres or fuses said seamless transparent layer to said seamless support layer and has elastic properties to permit stretching of said adhesive or fusing layer with said support layer and said transparent layer,

wherein said seamless support layer or said adhesive or fusing layer has a

design or pattern thereon that is visible through said seamless transparent layer.

10. (Original) The undergarment of claim 9, wherein the undergarment is a brassiere.

11. (Original) The undergarment of claim 10, wherein said seamless transparent layer is made of a material having sheer characteristics.

12. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 10, wherein said seamless support layer is made of a material having elastic characteristics.

13. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 10, wherein said seamless support layer is shaped to only extend under and along a lower and side breast profile of a wearer's breasts to substantially support said breasts when the undergarment is worn.

14. (Currently amended) A method for forming an undergarment, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a support layer;

(b) applying an adhesive or fusing layer to said support layer, said adhesive or fusing layer having elastic properties to permit stretching of said adhesive or fusing layer with said support layer;

(c) cutting said support layer combined with said adhesive or fusing layer to a

desired shape;

(d) adhering or fusing said support layer with said adhesive or fusing layer to a transparent layer to provide seamless connection; and

(e) molding said support layer, said adhesive layer and said transparent layer to form a unitary molded breast cup, wherein said support layer provides reinforcing support along a lower profile portion of said cup.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the undergarment is a brassiere.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said transparent layer is a material having sheer characteristics.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein said support layer is a material having elastic characteristics.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein said support layer is shaped so that when the undergarment is worn, said support layer only extends under and along a lower and side breast profile of a wearer's breasts.

19. (Currently amended) A brassiere comprising:
a support layer; ~~said support layer being shaped so that when the brassiere is worn, said support layer only extends under and along a lower and side breast profile of a wearer's breasts;~~
a transparent layer that substantially overlies said support layer; and
an intermediate layer for adhering or fusing an outer surface of said transparent

layer and an inner surface of said support layer, said intermediate layer having elastic properties to permit stretching of said intermediate layer with said support layer and said transparent layer,

wherein said support layer or said intermediate layer is visible through said seamless transparent layer, wherein said support layer extends primarily under a wearer's breasts along a lower and side breast profile, and wherein said transparent layer covers a portion of said wearer's breasts where said support layer does not extend.

20. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 19, wherein said intermediate layer creates a design or pattern visible through said transparent layer.

21. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 19, wherein said intermediate layer is selectively applied to a portion of the brassiere.

22. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 21, wherein said portion comprises a lower portion that corresponds to a wearer's breasts.

23. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 19, wherein said intermediate layer is substantially transparent.

24. (Previously presented) The undergarment of claim 19, wherein said intermediate layer is elastic.

25. (New) A brassiere comprising:
two breast supporting cup portions each having a transparent layer that is a

material selected from the group consisting of chiffon, georgette, voile, illusion, organza, and tulle, said material is elastic and nylon/spandex mix, a support layer that is less flexible than said transparent layer, said support layer is a nylon/spandex mix, and an adhesive layer that is a thermoadhesive having elastic properties, said adhesive layer is selectively applied to said support layer forming an adhesive-support layer to provide support in specific areas of the brassiere, and said adhesive-support layer is adhered to said transparent layer.

26. (new) A brassiere comprising two breast cup portions each having a transparent inner layer, a transparent outer layer, and an adhesive layer fusing said transparent inner and outer layers to one another, said adhesive layer defining a pattern that can be seen through said transparent inner and outer layers.

27. (new) The brassiere as in claim 26, wherein said pattern of said adhesive layer provides support in selected regions of said two breast cup portions, and wherein said pattern extends diagonally from a top side portion of each of said two breast cup portions to a bottom center portion of each of said two breast cup portions.

28. (new) A brassiere comprising two breast cup portions each having a transparent inner layer, an outer layer, and an adhesive layer fusing said transparent inner layer and said outer layer to one another, said adhesive layer being transparent.

29. (new) The brassiere as in claim 28, wherein said outer layer comprises a pattern that can be seen through said adhesive layer and said inner transparent layer, and wherein said pattern extends diagonally from a top side portion of each of said two breast cup portions to a bottom center portion of each of said two breast cup portions.

30. (new) The brassiere as in claim 28, wherein said outer layer is transparent.